

# *Greenways and Trails TIDBITS*

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**American Hiking Society <http://www.americanhiking.org/>  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Trails Day!**

**Check out the National Trails Day (NTD) website to find an event to enjoy. <http://www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx> . Make new friends, volunteer to help or work on a service project by participating in a NTD event.**

**A new NTD partner for 2008 is the Trimble Company. Trimble makes GPS equipment and is teaming up with Backpacker to create an inventory of NTD projects and the website is listed below.**

**<http://portal.trimbleoutdoors.com/NationalTrailsDay/HelpNotesforNationalTrailsDayHosts/tabid/250/Default.aspx>**

**Currently, Tennessee has 22 events scheduled at the National Trails Day website. In 2007, there were 25 events across the state with over 1,000 participants! Please register your NTD event! Thanks!**

**National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, [www.nohvcc.org](http://www.nohvcc.org)**

**There was a statewide Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail users meeting at the Leslie Town Center in Cookeville on May 31, 2008. Meeting was facilitated by staff from the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council and included over 40 trail club members from across the State of Tennessee. The group agreed that a state-wide coalition was needed and four committees were set up to accomplish that action.**

**For more information about the latest OHV happenings in Tennessee, go to [www.ohv4tn.org](http://www.ohv4tn.org) .**

**Kodak American Greenways Awards Program, The Conservation Fund  
<http://www.conservationfund.org/node/245>**

**Check out this opportunity to get a Greenways grant if you are a local, regional or statewide nonprofit organization. Maximum grant is \$2,500, but most grants will be in the \$1,500 range.**

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Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/>

The CTC is now into the BIG DIG!! Focusing on the Smoky Mountain section of the CT, the volunteer trail crews are working to connect the trail from Cove Lake State Park to Frozen Head State Natural Area. Please volunteer if you can and be a part of building the Cumberland Trail.

The Rock Harvesting bill did not pass in the 2008 legislature. The Hamilton County court case decision was in favor of the owners of the mineral rights, although that decision has been appealed by the State of Tennessee.

For information on the rock harvesting on the southern portion of the Cumberland Trail in Hamilton County, go to [www.rockmining.blogspot.com](http://www.rockmining.blogspot.com) .

Tennessee Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Services Division

GIS Services has a new map website of Tennessee that is now available to the public. Go to: <http://tnmap.state.tn.us/viewer/map.aspx> to check out this site.

Outdoor Chattanooga [www.outdoorchattanooga.com](http://www.outdoorchattanooga.com)

If you are wondering what there is to do down in the Chattanooga area, check out this website!! Whatever the activity, it's probably done in the Chattanooga area.

To sign up for a bi-weekly e-newsletter, contact [ruth@outdoorchattanooga.com](mailto:ruth@outdoorchattanooga.com) or call 423-643-6889.

## New Trail Items

*Mention of products or companies in this newsletter is **NOT** an endorsement of those products or companies and is for informational purposes only. If you have any questions about greenways and trails grants, planning, surfacing, sign or bridges, please contact Bob Richards at 615-532-0753*

SurfaceAmerica [www.surfaceamerica.com](http://www.surfaceamerica.com)

1-800-999-0555

This surfacing material uses recycled rubber and creates lasting solutions for Trails, Pathways and Playgrounds.

Another great website to visit and check out trail construction equipment and mountain bike trails, is <http://www.cs.utk.edu/~dunigan/mtnbike/> .

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Please send your event information to Bob Richards as soon as you are aware of the date for inclusion in the Greenways and Trails TIDBITS newsletter. It will be included in the TIDBITS as space permits. This newsletter is produced bi-monthly, or when there is enough information to distribute.

## **2008 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events**

<b>National Trails Day</b>	<b>June 7, 2008</b>	<b>Statewide events</b>
<b>IMBA World Summit 2008</b>	<b>June 18-21, 2008</b>	<b>Park City, UT</b>
<b>Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT)</b>	<b>September 14-20, 2008</b>	<b>Upper East Tennessee</b>
<b>Governor's Land &amp; Water Forum IV</b>	<b>October, 2008</b>	<b>At a State Park</b>
<b>TN Trails Association Annual Meeting</b>	<b>October 24, 2008</b>	<b>Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN</b>
<b>Southern Appalachian Greenway Alliance Conference – Building Healthy and Wealthy Communities</b>	<b>October 24-25, 2008</b>	<b>Abingdon, VA</b>
<b>National Trails Symposium</b>	<b>November 15-18, 2008</b>	<b>Little Rock, AR</b>
<b>TRPA Annual Conference</b>	<b>November 17-21, 2008</b>	<b>Memphis, TN</b>



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